



Valerie Ann Ortega

December 11, 1955 - August 21, 2021

On August 21, 2021 Valerie Ann Ortega passed peacefully surrounded by family after battling breast cancer for 18 years. Valerie had an amazing spirit and attitude and always made everyone feel welcomed and loved.

Valerie was born in Tulare, Ca on December 11, 1955 to the late Paul and Mary Ramirez. After she graduated from Tulare Western High School she attended the College of the Sequoias in Visalia where she met her husband of 43 years. Valeria and Raul Ortega married on August 26, 1978 and in 1981 started their family in Visalia, CA. They had two children Isaac Ortega and Breanna Ortega.

Valerie loved being a mom and having kids so much she became a pre-school teacher for Tulare County School District for over 20 years. There she was able to give her time and love to help these young minds grow and flourish.

Valerie had such an impression on her children throughout the years that many kept in contact with her through their high school years. Valerie not only took joy in teaching but also provided for her less fortunate children by donating clothes and shoes to them and their families. Her love for them ran so deep that she would take Christmas trees and gifts to families who were not able to provide this for themselves. After Valerie retired from Tulare County School District, her grandson Apaulo Ortega-Brunner came into her life and she was able to be the grandma she always wanted to be.

Valerie was not only an amazing teacher and grandma, she also was extremely creative and participated in many crafts shows with her mom Mary

Ramirez, and even for a couple of years held a craft show in her home in Visalia, Ca. She not only expressed her creativity through crafts but also by her love of interior decorating and sewing. Valerie poured her heart into everything that she did in life. Everyone will always remember her laugh and most of all her beautiful smile.

Valerie is survived by her Husband Raul Ortega, two children Breanna and Isaac Ortega, grandson Apaulo Ortega-Brunner, brother Paul Bernard Ramirez, and her sister Melissa Areias.

Services will be held at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E Caldwell Ave Visalia, CA 93277 on September 11, 2021 at 10 am. Everyone is welcomed to come celebrate the beautiful life Valerie Ann Ortega.

Previous Events

Memorial

SEP **11**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Valerie Ann Ortega*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 11, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Valerie Ann Ortega*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 10, 2021 at 01:16 PM



Beautiful Soul!!!

Marleene Fonvergne - September 10, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ Valerie was the first teacher I ever worked under. She was the easiest and best person to work with. She always made me feel like I was an asset to her classroom. The kids always just gravitated to her because she made them feel wanted, loved and accepted. I learned so much from her. We kept in contact on Facebook throughout the years and in 2015 I went through a divorce. Valerie was right there. She knew I was trying to start over and offered me items for my home that I needed. For the past 6 years, we have been prayer partners for each other. I know she is in the arms of JESUS now, so I am so happy for her, but my heart breaks for all of us who are left with the loss of this amazing angel. Until we meet again in heaven, you will be in my heart Valerie. Love you my friend.



Melissa Jensen - September 11, 2021 at 04:23 AM



“ Marleene Fonvergne lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Ortega



Marleene Fonvergne - September 10, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Valerie Ann Ortega.



September 09, 2021 at 08:50 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Valerie Ann Ortega.*



September 09, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *To my cuzin Valerie, Love you ,Miss you, May you Rest in Paradise, till we meet again, remembering when we worked together at Perry's Coffee Shop, Miss you so much, ttyl, LOVE YOU*

Rosie Ramirez - September 09, 2021 at 12:28 AM



“ *Rosie Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Valerie Ann Ortega*



Rosie Ramirez - September 09, 2021 at 12:22 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Valerie Ann Ortega.*



September 08, 2021 at 07:42 PM